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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6405**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1327

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Battery by Students.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Messmer

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a student must be suspended if the student commits battery and must be expelled for committing battery a second time if the student commits the battery:

1. while on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
2. while off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; or while traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event.

The bill requires that an individual who has reason to believe that an act of battery has been committed against a student must make an oral report to a law enforcement agency.

The bill makes corresponding changes to related statutes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill could increase the number of school suspensions and expulsions. There could possibly be some increased costs associated with the processing of the suspensions or expulsions. The increased cost is probably minor.

*Background:* Battery is defined as the act of knowingly or intentionally touching a person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner.

There are about 6,000 students expelled and 80,000 students suspended from school each year.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:** Department of Education databases.

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